



Hangar News

March 2025

Newsletter of the First Weedwacker

Aero Squadron

AMA Charter #1651

Headlines

- Ron will present runway sealing and striping plans at the March 1st meeting for a funding vote. See his President's Message.
- See inside for our latest contender for the Largest Debris Field

Membership Renewals

- About thirty members haven't renewed in 2025 which was due by the first of the year.
- Remember that club renewals don't necessarily coincide with AMA renewals; they're on different cycles.
- Members must display a current badge to fly.
- Dues can be mailed directly to the Treasurer, Richard Brown. His mailing address is at the bottom of this newsletter.
- Alternately, dues can be paid via PayPal at paypal.weedwackers@gmail.com .
 - ** Note that our PayPal account is updated and is now fully managed by Richard Brown. Payments to the club will no longer show Scott Graupmann as the recipient.
- If paid, badges can be picked up at the field - ask a Club Officer.

Upcoming Events

- Swap Meet, Saturday March 8th, 7am-11am; \$5 entry fee for sellers.
- Pylon Races, Saturday March 22nd
- Armed Forces Day Scale Fly-in, BBQ, Raffle, Saturday May 17th

February 2025 President's Message

Greetings everyone!

There are several items on the agenda:

- Resurfacing of the runway and repainting the lines. There is a bid of \$4,900 to complete the job. I need a yay or nay vote from the members to pull the money from the treasury by 1 March. I'll have more information at the meeting.

- I have been talking to the County regarding removal of the environmental fence just north of the runway. This may help to prevent crashes.
- Replacement of the shed door is still on the table. So far the companies we have contacted are not interested. I am still in search of a contractor.
- The pit tables are almost finished. Anyone interested in providing assistance, please contact Jeff.
- Rich Brown, Dick Milhausen, and I removed the junk around the pit and hauled a full trailer to the dump. I donated dump tickets so there was no cost to the club other than renting the trailer.
- The newest project on the agenda is to improve the entrance to the park and fill the large pothole in the driveway.

Just a reminder to wear your badge at the field and display the **required** FAA identification numbers on your aircraft.

When parking, use caution near the banister at the bottom of the steps. Even though we have cones and a caution sign, someone hit the rail. If this happens in the future, please notify us so we can make immediate repairs.

For those folks who have not paid their yearly dues, **and you know who you are**, step up and pay. It is not fair to the paying members. If you do not pay, you do not fly.

When the County is working in the park, we will have to close the field. You will be notified prior to closing.

8 March is the swap meet at the field. Gates open at 0700 - \$5.00 for sellers, no charge for buyers. Please pay attention to members directing you where to park. If you bring it and do not sell it, take it home. Unwanted items should not be left at the field.

If you have any questions, feel free to call.

Ron

(619) 988-7667

Minutes from Last Meeting

Meeting Minutes 1 February 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM at the field. Club officers present were the President, Treasurer, and the Secretary. A total of 17 club members were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes: Keith Miller moved the minutes of the December 7, 2024 meeting be approved as submitted. Seconded by Glen Merritt The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Starting Balance:	\$15,920.14	December 1, 2024
Income:	\$8,277.69	
Expenses:	\$5,159.93	
Ending Balance:	\$19,037.90	January 31, 2025

- Balance January 31, 2024: \$9,710.92

Table Repair Fund: \$900.00

Expenses: \$585.95
Current Balance: **\$314.05**

Frank Gagliardi moved the treasurer's report be approved as submitted. Seconded by David Roche. The motion was approved.

General Notes:

- The banquet was a big success and thoroughly enjoyed by all
 - 91 attended, 88 paid
 - Net cost to treasury - \$449.74 (5.11 per person)
- Recommend next year the club pay the fee to have a bar tender
- Pete Pease is recovering from surgery; we wish him well
- Doug Samuels is recovering from surgery; we wish him well
- Welcome new member Tim Edwards
- 98 members have renewed for 2025, 39 have not yet renewed
- If you haven't renewed, December 31st 2024 was the cut off to fly

Field Maintenance:

- Planning a work party to apply flex seal to the roof to prevent water from dripping on the tables
- Discussion regarding a new door for the shed – still looking for a viable option
 - Kurtis Schuettenhelm is willing to take on the project of procuring and installing – need his bid
 - Neighbor Jake might be willing to bid the work – Ron will ask
 - Ask a door company to come out and give a bid
- Runway slurry seal + striping - \$4900 bid from Ron's contact. It would possibly include the runoff area at the West end
- Discussion about permission to fly over Jake's property
 - Could ask Jake to use a flag system to communicate: Green – ok to fly over; Red - no fly over
 - A suggestion the club may be willing to pay a monthly fee to be able to fly over as needed; \$100/mo.

Upcoming Events:

- February 22, the field will shut down at noon for a wedding

Old Business:

- Porta potty service has been changed to National Construction Rentals . It's a smaller unit but the service is better and the cost is lower at \$220/mo (\$113/mo savings). There are mixed feelings. Some prefer the larger ADA unit. To clarify, there is no requirement by the county that an ADA unit or any unit be available.

Safety Officer Report:

- Be very cautious when leaving the field. Traffic moves very fast on Ashwood. Visibility is minimal.

Rule review:

- Request – please don't run up planes on the tables under roof. The 4 tables out close to the fence are available for run up.

New Business:

- Feb 15 – 10-2 at Frank's house for an estate sale from a member of the silent flyers - Franks Foam Frenzy
- Publish the calendar and notify the county of the events we collect \$ at.

Good of the Order:

- T-28 race on March 22nd - Glenn and David are organizing a single event

Keith Miller moved and Ron Keith seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 AM.

Updates since last meeting

- Porta Potty billing, 2/13/2025 reported from Richard Brown, Treasurer

The actual porta potty billing comes to \$223.88 as compared to the previous large unit at \$333.96, saving us \$110.08 every 28 day cycle, which **saves \$1,431.04 annually.**

2/8/2025 - Spectacular Mid-air between Lyle and Mark

This is surely a nomination for the Largest Debris-Field award!

The two models collided nearly head-on, engine to engine. The two fuselages came down at the same spot. Confetti filled the air and fluttered gracefully to the ground for a good minute.

A strip of of Lyle's Ugly Stik fuselage became embedded in Mark's NextStar wing. Lyle's fuel tank was found near the south edge of the runway more than 240 feet away! His OS FP40 engine has huge gouges taken out of the cooling fins. Mark's OS AX46 engine faired much worse, with a cracked crankcase and broken exhaust stack. Yikes!







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First Woodward Aerosquadron

SWAP MEET



Sat. Mar 8, 2025
Rain Date Mar 15, 2025

**Site: Ron Smith Memorial Field
(SD County Cactus Park, Lakeside)**

Hours: 7:00 am – 11:00 am
\$5 Seller's Fee
Buyers Free

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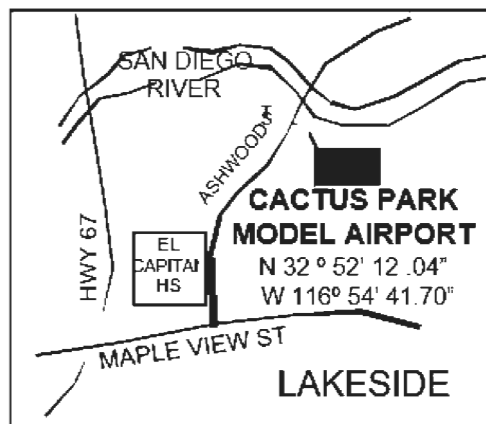
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CLUB FIELD: Cactus Park (East), Ashwood St. (1/4 mile N-E of El Capitan High School) in Lakeside, CA. Please be sure the last flyer to leave locks the pin box and the gate.



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